## Go Fishing at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park overlooks Buckhorn Lake, which is one of the best fishing lakes in eastern Kentucky. Anglers can fish for largemouth bass, white crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, or muskie at this lake. Buckhorn Lake is one of three lakes in Kentucky that are stocked with muskie by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Muskie used to naturally range in Middle Fork Kentucky River where the lake now stands.

Middle Fork Kentucky River below Buckhorn Lake Dam attracts anglers interested in catching white crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, muskie, and rainbow trout. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources stocks a total of 5,600 rainbow trout below the dam each year during April through November. Float fishing access is available at a ramp just below the dam. Boaters can float 5 miles downstream to the ford at Johnson Branch.

Three sections of Middle Fork Kentucky River above Buckhorn Lake can be floated by anglers from 1850 Bridge downstream 7.5 miles to Asher, from this bridge downstream 5.0 miles to Hoskinston, and from Hoskinston downstream 9.6 miles to the 2431 Bridge just above Hyden. Floating during the summer may be difficult due to low flow, except after a heavy rain. Anglers can catch smallmouth bass, spotted (Kentucky) bass, and rock bass in this stretch of river. Watch for obstructions such as log jams and deadfall trees that may require portaging around.

